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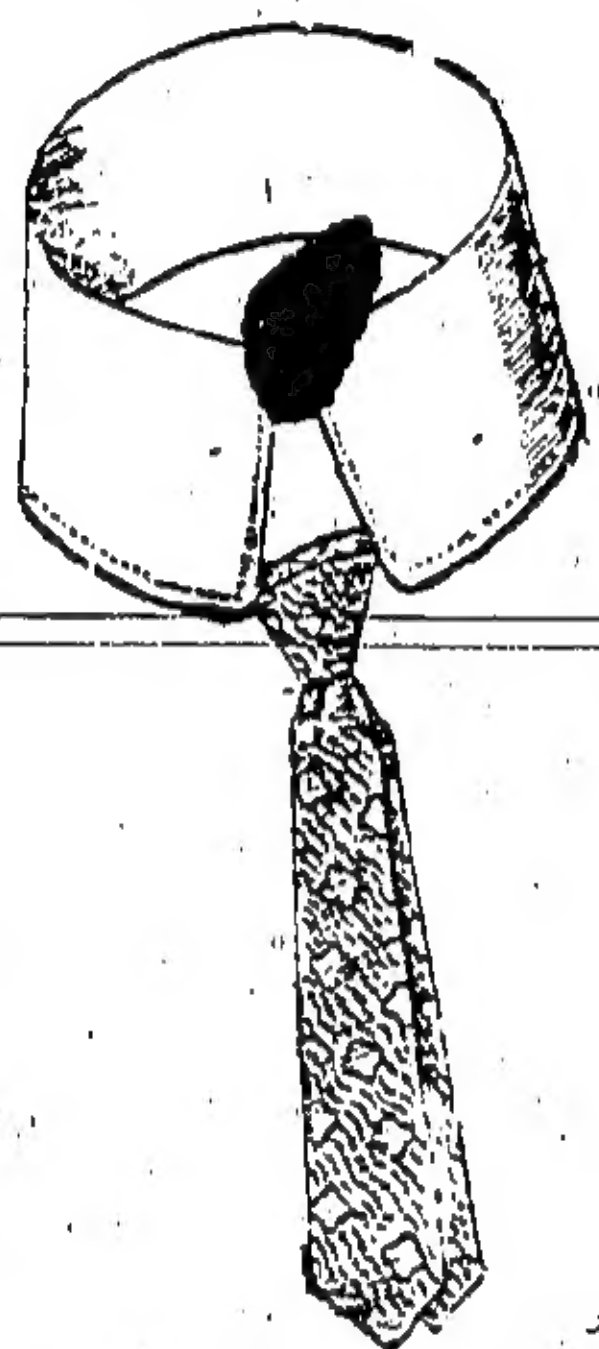
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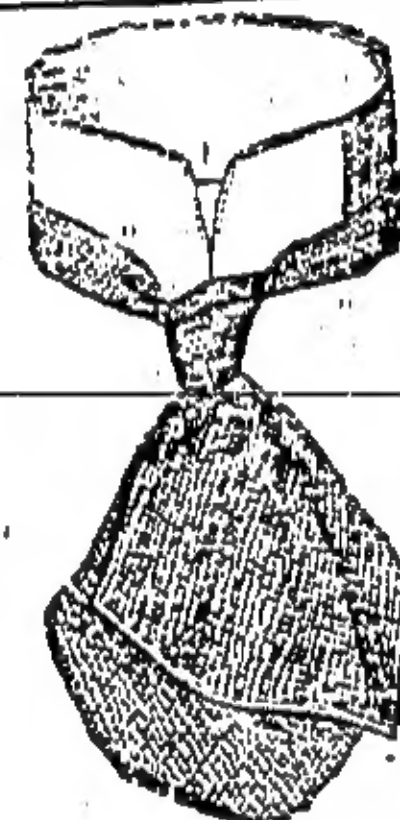
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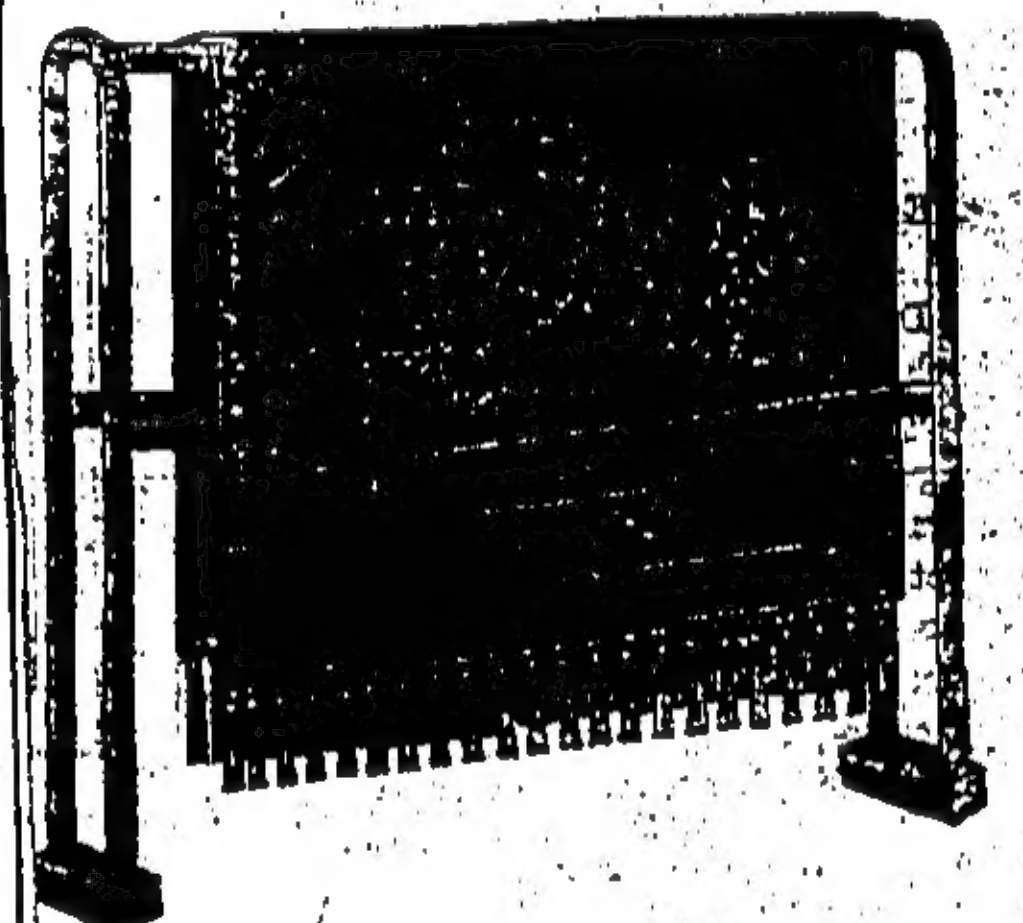
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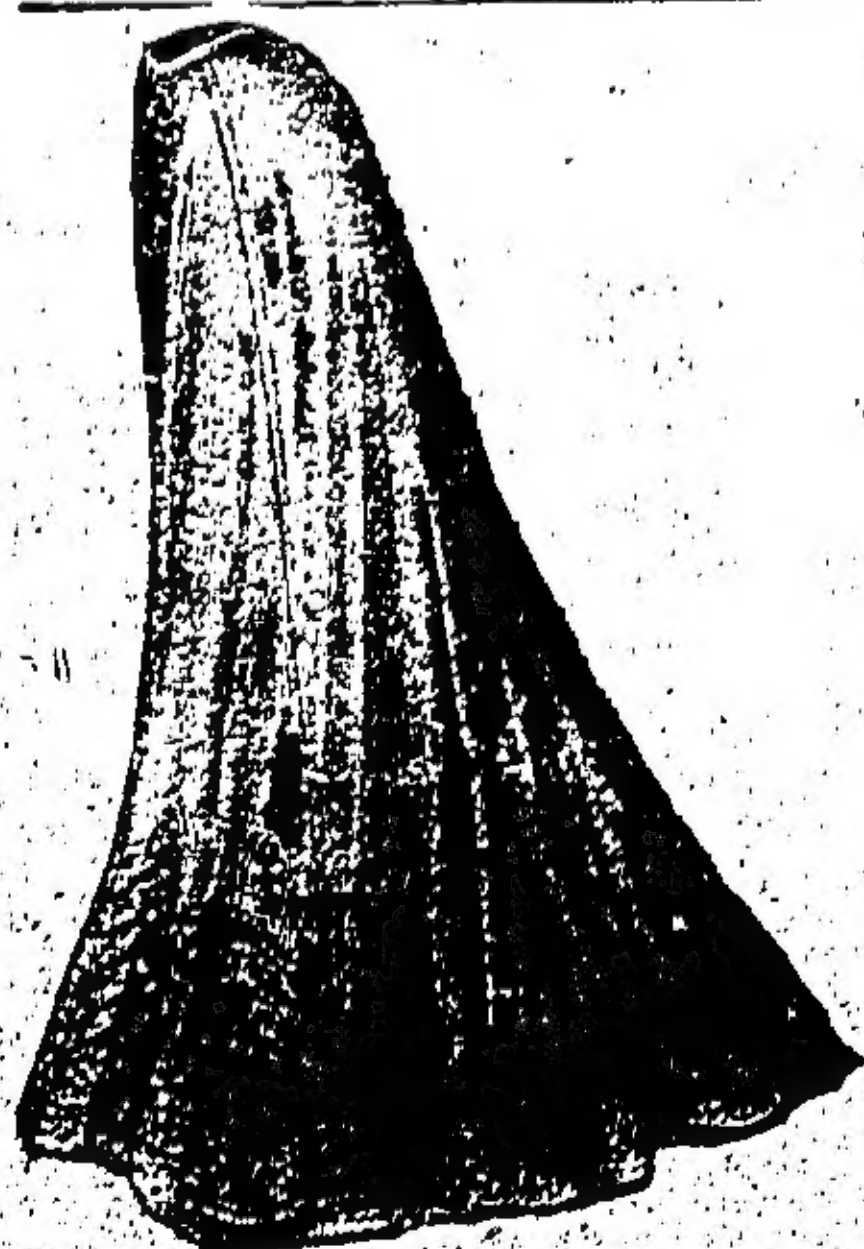
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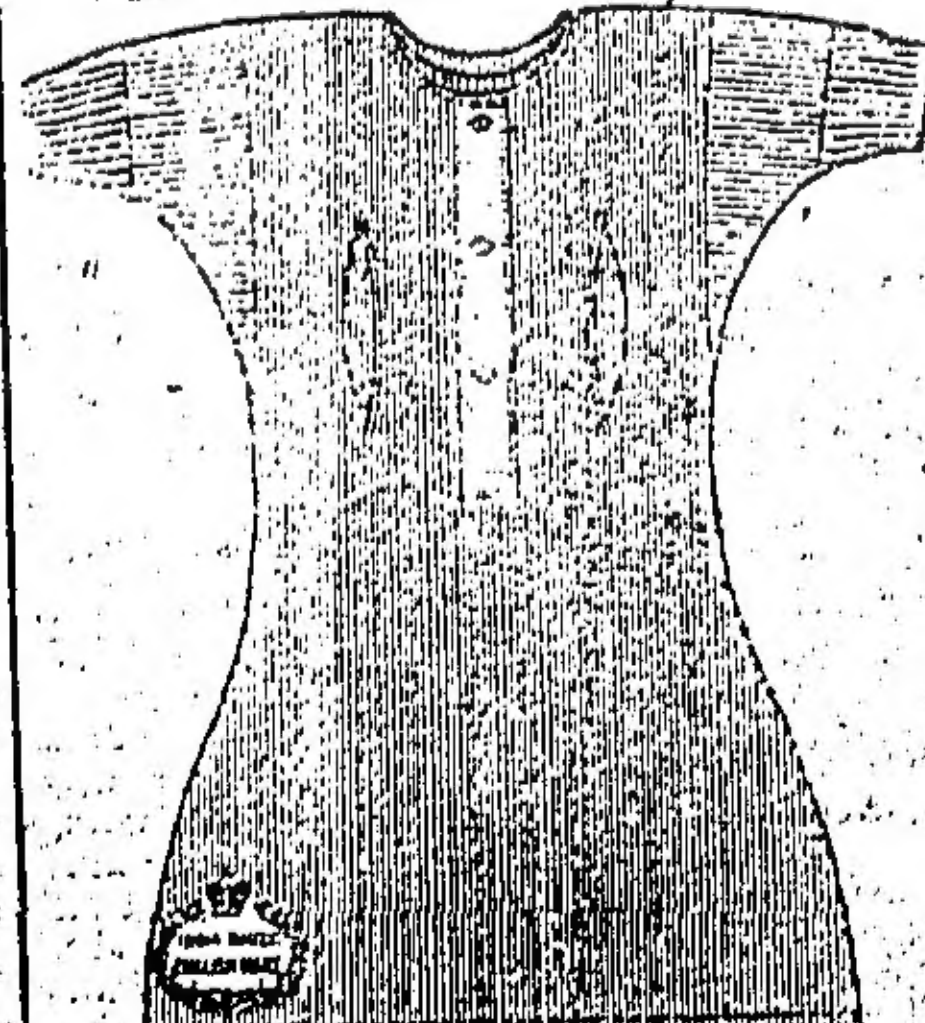


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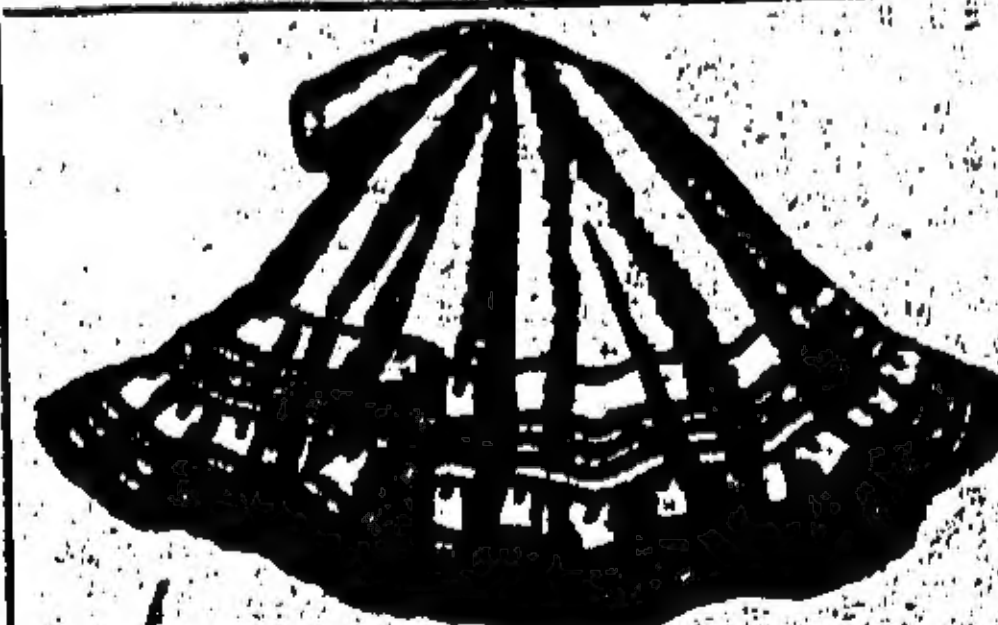
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The Hongkong Police, or to be strictly correct, a large number of them, had a very pleasant relaxation from duty yesterday, when the customary New Year Sports for the members of the force and their wives and children were held at the charmingly situated recreation club at Happy Valley. The arrangements were in the hands of a special committee, and the attractive scene presented by the ground, as well as the successful way everything went off, spoke of thoroughness with which they discharged their duties. The club-house was gay with flags, while outside was a huge Christmas tree, similarly decorated and laden with toys which were distributed late in the afternoon by Father Christmas who was recognised by some as Inspector McHardy. The event was favoured by beautiful weather and a large gathering of parents and friends watched the proceedings. During the afternoon tea was served to the children and visitors. A detachment of the R.O.Y.L.I. band discoursed excellent music during the sports, and afterwards played for dancing. Among those who attended were the Captain Superintendent, Mr. Badesley and Mrs. Badesley, who distributed the prizes. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Badesley on the motion of Inspector Baker, and she was also the recipient of a handsome bouquet in a silver holder. The following committee had charge of the arrangements: Chief-Inspector Baker, chairman; Inspector Withers, secretary; Sgt. Kent, treasurer; Inspectors McHardy, Watt, A. Gordon, Sigs, Gerrard, Pitt and Grant. Following are the results of the events:—
Bowls—1 Chief Inspector Baker, wrist watch; 2 Chambers, stick; 3 Davis, clock.
Girls Flat Race, Handicap—1 Iris Baker, silver umbrella handle; 2 Elsie Watt, ditto; 3 Margaret Kent, silver bracelet.
Flat Race, under 35 years—1 P.C. Grimmett, stick; 2 P.C. Cotton, stick.
Boys Flat Race, Handicap—1 George Angus, silver stick handle; 2 W. G. Gerrard, watch chain; 3 Stanley Gerrard, silver spoons.
Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race—1 Mrs. Boulger, silver pin cushion; 2 Mrs. Atiles, silver umbrella handle; 3 Mrs. Cameron, silver sugar tongs.
Girls' Skipping Race, under 14 years—1 Dollie Baker, silver umbrella handle; 2 Christine Angus, ditto; 3 Margaret Gerrard, bangle.
Flat Race, over 35 years—1 Sgt. J. Grant, cup; 2 Insp. Kerr, silver mounted stick; 3 Insp. McHardy.
Ladies' Button Sewing—1 Mrs. Gerrard, silver chain purse; and Mr. Ogg; 2 Mrs. Floyd (silver napping rings); and Mr. Grant; 3 Mrs. Wright (silver belt buckle), and Mr. Appleton.
Ladies' Cokerut Shying—1 Mrs. Kerr, silver umbrella handle; 2 Mrs. Langley, silver scissors and thimble; 3 Mrs. Gordon, silver button hook.
There was a race for infants with "no blanks" each competitor receiving a prize. A tug-of-war between married and single teams resulted in an easy victory for the Benedicts. Each member of the team received a spoon.

DEFALTING SOUTHERN STATES.
Endeavouring to Borrow Money.
The Council of Foreign Bondholders are informed that certain of the defaulting Southern States of the American Union are again endeavouring to borrow money. For instance, North Carolina, with defaulted obligations amounting, with accrued interest, to over 12,000,000 dollars, is appealing for a loan of 550,000 dollars, based on the credit of the State. Mississippi, also, with a repudiated debt of 7,000,000 dollars, is anxious to borrow, but this is being done through the medium of some of the countries into which the State is subdivided, the superior Government being aware of its own want of credit. About 18 months ago efforts were made by these two States to obtain loans amounting to upwards of 4,000,000 dollars, but strong opposition was encountered, and protests were lodged with the Committee of the New York Stock Exchange against any official recognition of their bonds. The Council also understand that the official Controller of Savings Banks in the United States subsequently took steps to compel certain of the banks to sell their holdings of bonds of some of the Southern States, as, although such bonds were being regularly paid, the Savings Bank Law prohibits investment by the banks in securities of States which are in default on previously contracted obligations. The result was that the above-mentioned new issues by North Carolina and Mississippi could not be sold in any of the great financial centres, and North Carolina was reduced to putting pressure on corporations and individuals within her own borders to take up the subscriptions which could not be obtained outside. The Council cannot see what valid excuse these prosperous and wealthy communities can put forward to justify their attitude towards their creditors, and so long as they decline to enter into a reasonable arrangement with the holders of their defaulted obligations there is no course open but to offer an uncompromising opposition to their attempts to obtain new money. Outside the Southern States of the American Union there only remain two countries to the world in default, viz. Guatemala and Honduras. Unless the American States take prompt steps to remedy the present regrettable state of affairs, it would appear probable that they will soon have the undesirable distinction of being the only communities barred from the money market of the world.

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siderable. The massacre took place at Nanning, and is believed to have been, if not according to instructions from the authorities there, at least connived at by them. No protest is believed to have been made by any section of the Chinese populace in the town or district.

The affair seems to have been singularly brutal in the deliberation of the arrangements, and while we deprecate anything approaching interference in matters that concern China alone in her internal arrangements and have no direct effect upon others, we are, nevertheless, of opinion that a protest from Foreign Authorities and influential bodies might have at least the effect of letting the officials implicated in this atrocity know that such a crime is looked upon with horror by all Foreigners. Such action would probably prevent a recurrence of such barbarism in other parts of China. No matter from what point of view, moral or scientific, Chinese authorities may view their treatment of lepers they should be informed in clear and emphatic language that such an atrocity as is under discussion places them without the pale of civilization. We trust that prompt and effective steps will be taken to convey the disgust of Foreigners at such a disgraceful proceeding as has just taken place at Nanning.

DEATH.

COWPER.—At Moseley, Birmingham, England, suddenly on the 30th inst., Ezra Cowper, the beloved Mother of Mr and Mrs P. H. Holyoak. By cable.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

9 p.m.—The Court Cards at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.—
9.15 p.m.—Concert at the City Hall.
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The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1913.

THE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

ACCORDING to a very pleasing custom, His Majesty, the King, has issued a list of New Year's honours conferred upon prominent subjects of his realms. From the list, which will be found among our telegraphic news, there is the inclusion of a name, that of the Chief Justice of Hongkong, which will be read with pleasure by all our readers. The honour of knighthood has been conferred upon this distinguished and learned Judge, and therefore we have much pleasure in joining in the chorus of congratulations that will follow the announcement that hereafter the Chief Justice of Hongkong must be known as Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. The rest of the list does not call for special mention here, except that it may be stated that it is pleasing to note that two servants of the British Consular Service in the Far East have received recognition, a knighthood having been conferred on Mr Wilkinson, Consul at Mukden, and the honour of Commander of St. Michael and George on Mr E. L. Brockman, British Resident at Peking since 1908. Two Peermages have been created, but they call for no special notice except that the recipients owe their elevation to the political enemies of most of the Peers. It is very gratifying to note that recognition, mostly in the form of Baronetries, has been conferred upon several prominent business men, and all Scotsmen will rejoice to see the inclusion of the name of Mr Caird, the well-known jute merchant of Dundee, who has done so much discriminating and generous philanthropic work and been also a munificent patron towards the maintenance of the cause Free Trade.

MASSACRE OF LEPERS.

THE information which our Wuchow correspondent has sent us regarding the massacre of a large number of lepers at Nanning will be read with horror. Our correspondent it will be observed, though not absolutely certain as to the correct number of people massacred, is certain of the fact that the total is con-

SIR WM. REES DAVIES, K.C.

Knighthood Conferred on Hongkong's Chief Justice.

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Appeal to Full Court.

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The Attorney General, Hon. Mr J. A. S. Bucknill, K.C., said before the Court for the discharge of business he had two very pleasant duties which, with their lordship's permission, he would perform. The first of these duties was to extend to His Lordship, Sir Haviland de Saumarez, on behalf of the Bar a most cordial and respectful welcome on that, the first occasion on which he took his seat as a member of the Bench which now constituted the full court of the Colony in its Appellate Jurisdiction. The change in the constitution of this court was one which, as everyone knew, was of quite recent date, but one which had long been desired and that it should be possible for the Colony to avail itself of the services of so distinguished a lawyer and so eminent a man as Sir Haviland de Saumarez was, he considered, a matter upon which not only the Colony but the Bar, the public, and if he might say so, the litigants might well have cause for congratulation. The second duty was to offer to the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, the congratulations of the whole legal profession in Hongkong upon the honour which His Majesty the King had bestowed upon him. It was a source of great pleasure to those of them who had the honour to count themselves among his Lordship's friends to hear that this recognition of his work had now been given to him, but apart from that the honour reflected dignity upon them and also redounded to the credit of the whole colony. Therefore, to Sir Haviland de Saumarez, he respectfully extended their most cordial welcome; to Sir William Rees Davies he offered on behalf of the Bar and legal profession their most cordial congratulations.

The Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C., a senior member of the legal profession in the Colony respectfully endorsed the expressions of welcome to Sir Haviland de Saumarez. There was strong circumstantial evidence that his Lordship would have a busy time, but he hoped that his stay in the Colony would also be a very pleasant one. It was their earnest wish that Sir William Rees Davies would long live to enjoy the title which had been bestowed upon him, which, as the Attorney General had said, they regarded not merely as a destination paid to him for services to the Crown, but also as a compliment to the Colony.

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Two road bodies of Chinese have been picked up outside the harbour limits at Samun, near Chinese territory. The bodies were dragged up in fishing nets, and they are supposed to have been men who were drowned in the squall on the night of the 27th.

A theft has been reported to the police as having taken place in a house at Cameron Terrace, Kowloon. Some one got over a wall at the back of the house and entering an open door, collected articles hanging on hooks, mostly consisting of clothing. The value of the stolen property was \$100.

From our advertising columns it will be seen that Mr John Scott Hamilton, solicitor, announces his retirement from the firm of Evans and Hamilton and the transfer of his interest in that firm, with certain reservations, to Mr L. R. Needham.

The business, it is stated, will be conducted on the same lines as previously.

The Nettle and Anglo-Swiss condensed Milk Co., for which Messrs Bradley and Co., were agents, have opened an office of their own on the 2nd floor of the new Post Office. Mr A. G. Coppin is in charge.

THE NEW FULL COURT.

WELCOME TO SHANGHAI'S JUDGE.

Sir William Rees Davies
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A theft has been reported to the police as having taken place in a house at Cameron Terrace, Kowloon. Some one got over a wall at the back of the house and entering an open door, collected articles hanging on hooks, mostly consisting of clothing. The value of the stolen property was \$100.

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MASSACRE OF LEPERS IN NANNING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, Dec. 28.
I have just wired to Nanning to obtain authoritative information respecting a massacre of lepers there by the Provincial Government. Reports varied considerably as to the number killed. At first we heard that 43 had been killed and then later reports told us of 200 having been butchered. We now hear from very reliable sources that 53 lepers were shot. It seems that the Governor-General ordered a large pit to be prepared which was filled with firewood highly saturated with kerosene oil. All the lepers were ordered to this place, driven into the pit, and shot down, and their bodies afterwards burnt. We cannot understand the action of the officials in Nanning. While fully aware of the Chinese dread of leprosy such an act can in no sense be justified.

We had vainly imagined that the new Government meant to be progressive in the best sense, in other words, that the future civilization of China should develop along Western lines, but the perpetration of this unspeakable atrocity shows how much China has yet to learn.

The mere possibility of such a deed shows that China has no understanding of even the elemental principles of civilization or of any rule of civilization as we understand it. Savage and barbaric are mild terms to use of a people who can be guilty of such diabolic abhorrence. This, unfortunately, is not the only case that we have heard of. Only about a year ago in Tang Chai this was official massacre of about 100 lepers in the same way, and amongst this number were women and children.

Perhaps the saddest feature in the whole miserable business is the fact that there seems to be no protest offered by the people. Such a heinous crime could not have been committed unless the officials knew that they had the support of the gentry and people. Moral courage and even moral sense are striking absent.

It is a difficult matter for foreigners to interfere with the doings of Chinese government officials, or even to make suggestions. We can only hope that they will come to know that most foreign residents in this country feel disgusted and horrified beyond measure at such deeds of darkness.

(Note.—We refer to this matter in a leading article.—E.A., C.M.)

ORGAN RECITAL.

The following is the programme of the Recital to be given in St. John's Cathedral to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.:

Prelude F. Borowski
Madrigal E. Lehar
Solo "L'ame souffrante" C. Delavay
Toccata Hymn 58.
Pastorale V. J.
Solo "Sanctus fortis" E. Har.
Hymnings March G.

Telegraphic communication with Yokohama is again normal.

A communication which we have received from Professor C. A. Smith, as being made to the railway.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

New Year's day was spent under very pleasant conditions by Hongkong residents, the weather being ideal for outdoor functions. In the shade a chill breeze blew, but the sun, which shone during the greater part of the day, was pleasantly warm, and the several sports meetings arranged were well attended. For the first time in history the majority of the Chinese of the colony took part in the celebrations attendant upon the death of the old year and the birth of the new, cracker firing being general at midnight; most of the ships in the harbour blew their sirens upon the last stroke of twelve. The observance by the Chinese of the holiday was by no means general, for while nearly all the large houses closed for the day, the majority of the small business houses remained open, and the usual celebrations in February will not be affected. It is probable that next year Chinese and European customs will be in agreement in this respect. On New Year's eve the annual Kowloon Deck ball was well attended, and a large audience welcomed to the colony the Court Cards, a company of talented entertainers. On New Year's Day holiday makers had choice of several outdoor events. There were several cricket matches, football, and sports at Happy Valley and Kowloon.

TRUCULENT PORTUGUESE SAILORS.

Constable Seriously Assaulted.

At the Magistrate's today before Mr McEneaney, four Portuguese naval sailors were charged in connection with a row that broke out in the vicinity of No. 2 Police Station last night. Jose da Reis Pinto was charged with causing bodily harm to Constable Phillips by striking him with a piece of iron piping. Jacques M. do Costa was charged with damaging a gas chandelier at No. 1 Sampson St. to the extent of \$4.50. Jose Antonio and Jose Malmesico were charged with disorderly conduct.

Mr Lerra, Portuguese Consul, and some officers were present in Court.

Defendants pleaded "not guilty."

The Japanese woman who keeps No. 1 Sampson Street said that the defendants came to her house about 6 p.m. yesterday evening with about thirty others and commenced to beat and chase some of the women. Witness sent for the police, and Constable Phillips came. Eight gas lamps were broken by the sailors, and the place was put in darkness. Damage to the extent of \$4.50 was done to the gas lamps.

Another Portuguese sailor in Court said that he broke the gas lamp, and he would pay the damage.

P. C. Phillips, No. 64, said at 8 p.m. last night he was on duty in Sampson Street when the last witness came to him and complained that some Portuguese sailors had smashed the gas chandelier. Witness asked her to identify the man, and she pointed to the second defendant. Witness thereupon took him into custody. On the way to the station he was surrounded by about 20 or 30 Portuguese sailors, the first, third and fourth men being amongst them. They tried to get him away and witness blew his whistle. They then stood aside and followed him to the station. The people outside started shouting to the prisoners inside. Witness went to the door and asked them to be quiet, when they closed round him, and pushed him into the street. Witness caught hold of one man, and was about to take him into the station, when the first defendant came up to him and struck him with the iron pipe produced, over the right eye. Witness became dazed, and before he could recover all the remaining defendants ran away. Witness went to the charge room and P. S. Gerrard went out and gave chase. Witness went to hospital, and had his head dressed. The wound was 2½ inches long and two stitches had to be put in.

Sergeant Gerrard said he was in charge of No. 2 Station when the constable brought the first man in. There was a big crowd outside, and they were making considerable noise. Phillips tried to stop the noise, and afterwards came back with blood flowing from the wound in the face. Witness went out and ran after the men. On catching up with them, witness as the first defendant with the iron pipe, and he swung blows at witness with it. Witness managed to dodge the blow, although his cap was knocked off with a blow. Eventually witness got him down on the ground. He was very violent, and tried to get the bar. Witness got it first, however, and struck him on the head with it. He was then arrested with the other men, some more police having come up in the meantime.

Constable Lefevre, No. 20, deposed to assisting in the arrest of the men.

Sergeant Gerrard said he would ask for a heavy penalty in this case. The constable was seriously assaulted, and might have been killed.

Mr McEneaney fined the first man \$10 on one month; the second man was charged, and the other two were fined 5 each.

The Court granted payment of the fines.

WHO'S WHOUGH.

OTHER than the morning sun, the only thing that is going on in the world is a row about a constable being assaulted. The constable was seriously assaulted, and might have been killed.

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NEW YEAR'S HONOUR LIST.

FOR EASTERN RECIPIENTS.

LONDON, January 1.
The New Year's honours list includes:

New Peers—Sir Sydney Clarke and Sir George Kemp.

Privy Counsellors the Earl of Desart, and Sir John Simon, Solicitor General. Baronesses—Vice Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Sir Maurice Levy, M.P., Mr. Debut, M.P.

The Knighthoods include the name of Chief Justice Mr. Wm. Rees Davies, Rongkang.

Commanders of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Mr. E. L. Bruckman, C.M.G., of the Malay States, the Hon. Sir E. Morris, Premier of Newfoundland, and the Hon. Sir James P. Whitney, LL.D., D.C.L., K.C., M.F.P., Premier of Ontario.

Hon. Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—The Sultan of Kelantan.

Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath—Admiral of the Fleet, Sir G.H.C. Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

Among the Baronets is the name of Mr. Caird, the well-known Dundee furniture merchant and philanthropist; Mr. Henry Bartlett, and Sir Frank Crisp the well-known contractors; and Mr. Thomas Jackson, architect.

The Knighthoods include the names of Mr. Rowland Bailey, M.V.O., J.S.O., Controller of H.M. Stationery Office; Mr. Thomas Bowring, a Liverpool ship-owner; Dr. Francis Darwin, D.Sc., M.B., F.R.S.; Mr. Richard Essex, M.P., Mr. John Goodwin, a Bradford merchant; Mr. Arthur Holland, ship-owner; Mr. A.L. Liberty, D.L., J.P., Chairman, Liberty and Co.; Mr. Richard Mathias, ship-owner; Mr. Andrew Pettigrew, a well-known Glasgow public man; Dr. Robert Philip; Mr. Frank Roe; Mr. Dodshaw; Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, Consul General at Madras; Lieut. Col. York.

Commanders of the Bath—Vice Admiral Sir R. V. Hamilton; Dr. Duncan Hiltson, C.B., Physician to the King and Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets; Sir John Anderson, G.C.M.G., Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

Companions of the Order of the Bath—Rear Admiral R.N. Ommann; Pierre; Turner, Capt. Debartholome.

Knight of the Victorian Order—Major-General Crutchley.

Commanders of the Order of St. Michael and St. George—Major J.E. Clausen, C.M.G., Mr. W.G. Tyrrell, C.B., Chief Clerk in the Foreign Office.

Commanders of the Star of India—Sir G. H. Borelly, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., C.M.G., H. M. Minister at Teheran; Lieut.-General Sir James Wilcocks, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., C.M.G., C.B., Commanding Northern Army of India.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

AN "ULTIMATUM" FOR TURKEY.

LONDON, January 1.
It is understood that steps will be taken by the Balkan delegates at Wednesday's Conference to the effect that should the Turkish proposals be again unacceptable their reply will partake of the character of an ultimatum.

SIR WM. LEVER'S GIFT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that Sir Wm. Lever had offered the remainder of the lease of Stafford House as a gift to the nation, subject to certain conditions. The Government, the Premier said, much appreciated this act of generosity, and were now considering the matter.

LABOUR PARTY DISCIPLINE.

PROPOSALS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.
The agenda of the forthcoming Labour Party Conference emphasises the importance of party discipline and the necessity of recommendations to ensure the loyalty of the members.

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ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.

PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Premier of British Columbia, in his New Year's Message to the people expresses himself as hopeful of the Dominion Government acceding to British Columbia's request for Legislative interdiction of Asiatic Immigration, and says that "Canada and the Empire" should tell China and Japan that we are prepared to accept the same prohibition against our people as they propose to place against theirs. We can easily develop commercial business relations with them but not social or economic intercourse.

BRITAIN'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Sir Conyngham Greene, the new British Ambassador to Japan, and Lady Greene, sail for Japan on January 2.

THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Sir T. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, leaves London on January 13th for Japan, travelling via Siberia.

THE HOME RULE QUESTION.

EXCLUSION OF ULSTER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Mr. Asquith, after moving a resolution distributing the seven days allotted for the Report stage of the Home Rule Bill, accepted the Irish Unionists' amendment (to exclude Ulster) giving the whole of Wednesday to its consideration.

UNIONISTS AND TARIFF REFORM.

NO MODIFICATION OF THE POLICY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

A Conference of the Unionist leaders in the House of Commons yesterday considered the discussions within the Party resulting from Mr. Bonar Law's speech at Ashton-under-Lyne. A statement was subsequently issued that there would be no modification of the policy in regard to the food taxes therein enunciated, it being anticipated that it was still likely to secure the largest amount of Unionist support.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT DENIED.

It is officially stated that the announcement of a Conference of Unionist Leaders, being held yesterday without foundation in fact.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

PRESIDENT-ELECT ON THE SUBJECT.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Mr. Woodrow Wilson, the President-Elect of the United States, speaking at Staunton, expressed himself in favour of the independence of the Philippine Islands at an early date. He was asked subsequently to explain his views more fully, but declined as he was not yet prepared to disclose his plans.

THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE PORTFOLIO.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

It is reported in Berlin that Baron von Wangenheim, Ambassador to Constantinople, is regarded as the most probable successor of Count von Kiderlen-Waechter.

Count Bernstorff, the Ambassador to Washington, Prince Lichnowsky, the Ambassador to Great Britain, and Baron von Schwarzenstein, formerly Minister to Tokyo, are also mentioned.

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MULTI-MILLIONAIRE'S WORRIES.

MR. ROCKEFELLER GUARDED LIKE A MEDIEVAL BARON.

LONDON, January 1.

A telegram from New York states that Mr. Wm. Rockefeller, who is wanted as a witness in connection with the Money Trust Investigation is being besieged in his mansion at Fifth Avenue by a host of detectives armed with subpoenas, while he is being guarded like a medieval Baron by his numerous retainers. Mr. Rockefeller's doctor declares that he is ill, but the general impression is that Mr. Rockefeller is avoiding the necessity for giving evidence.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The death is announced of Mr. J. W. Summers, Liberal M.P. for Flint.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

HONGKONG: C. C. V. THE GARRISON.

This annual New Year's Day Cricket Match was played on the Club's ground yesterday. Some good scores were made on both sides, and the game resulted in a win for the Club by 46 runs. Scores:

HONGKONG.

T. E. Pearce, b. Dempsey	99
A. C. Elborough, c. Poole b. White	23
A. A. Claxton, c. Wiltshire b. Christian	31
R. Hancock, not out	47
Stephenson-Jellie, b. Dempsey	0
J. S. Lloyd, b. Dempsey	4
W. G. D. Turner, b. Dempsey	0
S. H. Dodwell, b. Dempsey	8
R. N. Anderson, b. Christian	24
R. O. Hutchison, b. W. b. Dempsey	0
R. E. O. Bird, b. Dempsey	11
Extras	6
Total	209

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

White	22	2	75	1
Dempsey	24.5	1	103	7
Christian	18	2	71	2

UNITED SERVICES.

Capt. Crawford, b. Bird	72
E. R. A. Poole, c. Dodwell, b. Bird	13
Eng. Lt. Smith, c. Dodwell, b. Bird	32
Major Bowen, c. Dodwell b. Bird	43
Capt. Robertson, b. Bird	0
Corpl. Dempsey, c. Hancock, b. Bird	1
Lt. G. de Houghton, b. Bird	2
W. Wiltshire, c. Claxton, b. Bird	14
Lt. Buxton, b. Dodwell	11
Lt. Christian, not out	4
W. White, c. Hutchison, b. Dodwell	6
Extras	12
Total	210

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bird	25	6	63	8
Dodwell	14.5	3	42	2
Anderson	10	1	47	1
Hancock	6	1	18	1
Elborough	4	1	18	1
Lloyd	4	1	10	1

25th Company R.E.V.A.O.C. This match in the Small Units League, played at Happy Valley on Tuesday was won by the R.E.V. by 10 runs. R.E. 78 (Corpl. Morris 21, Corpl. Pearson 15, Sapper Lewis 10); 25th Co. 63 (Sapper Foster 24, Sapper Lewis 13). For the winners Sapper Lewis took five wickets for 27, and for the 25th Co., P. Bartholomew five for 40, and Rev. Foster three for 24.

Inter-Port Trial Football.

Prospective v. Possibilities.

This, the second inter-Port trial match, on the Happy Valley ground yesterday resulted in a three-nil victory for the Possibilities, though on the play, they were certainly not three goals better than their opponents. Kelly scored the first goal and before the interval converted from Pennell. The third point came from Pennell midway in the second half. Teams: Possibilities—F. H. Kew, H. L. Jones and Morris; R.E.V.—D. Campbell, R. C. Barlow and Ferrigan. R.E.V. I Goldenberg, W. A. Wilson, Pearson, R. C. Stubbs and J. V. Bragg.

Possibilities—Swann, Police; Colmer, R.G.A. and Hamilton; Mullins, R.G.A., Berry, R.G.A. and C. Willie; Nichol R.E. Court, R.G.A., W. V. Pennell, Kelly R.E., and I Channest.

Inter-Port Trial Football Match.

The Probable team to represent Hongkong at Shanghai has been selected and will play a further trial match on the Hongkong Club ground on Wednesday, January 8, against a strong Garrison XI. Probable Team—Swann, H. K. Police; Colmer, R. G. A., and Hamilton, H. K. Club; Campbell, Barlow and Willie H. K. Club; Lewis, R. E., Green, R. G. A., Pearson, R. E., Pennell, H. K. Club, and Pinchard, R. G. A.

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NEW YEAR AT ST. PAUL'S.

LONDON, January 1.

The New Year was celebrated in traditional fashion by thousands of enthusiastic Scots at St. Paul's. The hotels were crowded and picturesque decorations and illuminations were lavishly displayed.

STRIKE OF WAITERS IN NEW YORK.

A strike of all the hotel-workers in New York threatened to mar the festivities.

THE INSURANCE ACT.

MEDICAL PANELS SUPPLIED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

To day is the last for the formation of panels of doctors to carry out the medical provisions of the Insurance Act. Although doubt and hesitation are still manifest in some quarters, it appears tolerably certain that a sufficient number of medical men will come forward to supply the majority of panels. According to the reports an ample number has been obtained to meet the requirements of the Act in London.

THE COURT CARDS.

This combination of entertainments opened their brief season in Hongkong on New Year's Eve. The audience, probably owing to counter attractions, was somewhat meagre. Enjoyment of entertainments is a matter of taste, and I must say that I do not envy the possession of the taste that cannot greatly appreciate such a performance as that of "The Court Cards and their Joker." The Company comprise seven artistes—two ladies and five gentlemen—all of whom are really exceptionally talented entertainers. The ladies have highly cultivated voices which they know how to use with charming effect. They can also dance with grace and, indeed, they are, in every respect, most delightful personalities. To hear Miss Maudie Owen sing a ballad or merely a homely yet beautiful song, such as "Comin' through the Rye" as she did on Wednesday evening or "Robin Adair" as she sang it last night was to be a participant of an exquisite vocal pleasure, even though the Scottish accents was just as it might have been expected from an English lady. The other lady vocalist has a different speciality—she is a connoisseur in a most attractive manner, delightful voice and a pleasing personality. Her name is Miss Maude Fane, and to hear her sing "any sort of song—must be, I am sure, a genuine pleasure and to hear her sing "With a Naughty Little Twinkle in her Eye" is truly to experience all sorts of delicious thrills. As for the other members of the Company, I cannot pay them similar compliments, being "more men," though brilliant artists. "Possibilities," however, they are as deserving of compliments as the ladies. They are highly talented, and the performance of all of them reveals not only remarkable versatility but a refined conception of the business of entertainers. Their names are Messrs. Edgar Waggie (the Joker, under whose management the Company is travelling), Sydney Manning, Reginald Palmer, Welton Fordham, and Gordon Nichols, all of whom are highly talented entertainers. I should like to say more about them, but it may suffice to conclude at present by saying that the Company will again appear at the Theatre Royal tonight and to-morrow night, and those who give themselves the pleasure of being present will thoroughly enjoy themselves and those who do not go or cannot go, have the profoundest sympathy of—ROSCIES.

KOWLOON DOCK BALL.

The new year was given by the staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for many years taken precedence as the most important winter function on the Kowloon side of the water, and this season's dance in every way upheld the best traditions associated with this annual gathering. The hospitality of the staff was extended to a very large number of their friends, the attendance, nearly three hundred, being a large company as would be accommodated in the spacious ball room. The hall, with its wealth of decorative material, glittering with much artistic taste, was hardly recognizable as the bare "loft" in which ships are laid out. A wealth of flowers, draped with a



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of beauty, while myriad lights imparted an air of homeliness and cheerfulness which had no little effect on the gaiety of the evening. On either side were banks of palms and flowers, from which rose aches of greenery reaching to the streamers of coloured material which formed the ceiling. At one end of the hall room the band of the K.O.Y.L.I. was ensconced in a bower of foliage. At the opposite end, outlaid in lights was the dock company's flag, flanked by the illuminated dates, 1896-1912. Passages divided the ball room from the cloak and refreshment rooms and the supper room, in which an effective decorative scheme had also been carried out. The nineteen dances and two excursions on the programme occupied the company, in which the gentlemen were slightly in the majority, until about 2.30 a.m. A frequent service of lunches was run for the convenience of guests from the Hongkong side.

At the supper, which was served at 11.30, Mr. B. M. Dyer, chief manager of the company, presided. The loyal toast having been honoured "The Dock Company's Staff" was submitted by Mr. H. T. Richardson, of the C.P.R. Mr. Dyer responded. The Chairman proposed the health of the guests, coupled with the names of Mr. S. H. Dalzell, the remaining toast being "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. G. T. Lloyd and responded to by Mr. D. Keith. The dawn of the new year during the progress of the supper was suitably noticed.

Much credit is due to the committees for the successful result of all their labours. The gentlemen chiefly responsible were Messrs D. A. Purvis, chairman; J. Smith, treasurer; W. Stewart, hon. secretary; W. B. Brownell, D. Keith, W. M. Johnston, K. R. Macaskill, W. J. Ratley and H. B. Scott. Mr. P. C. Coleman, superintendent of decoration of the hall, and Mr. J. Keith and Macaskill carried out the wishes of Mr. D.

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HOMeward PASSENGER SEASON 1913.

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
LOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK

Steamers to Colombo	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES and LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 3 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Yamato	Tues. 13	Shanghai	Tues. 13	Tues. 13
INDIA	8000	MOULTAN	10/00	Feb. 15
AGATE	7500	MALAKA	12/00	March 1
DEVALA	7000	MOREA	11/00	Mar. 15
DEVALA	7000	MARMORA	10/00	Mar. 29
DELTA	8000	MEDIN	12/00	April 12
INDIA	8000	Through Steamer	April 26	May 2
AGATE	7500	MONGOLIA	10/00	May 10
DEVALA	7000	MACEPONTA	10/00	May 24
CHINA	8000	MALAKA	11/00	June 7
DELTA	8000	MOULTAN	10/00	June 22
AGATE	7500	MOREA	11/00	July 12

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also
to the Express Mail Steamer at FORT SAID.Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved
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1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.
2nd " " £35.10 " £54.10 "IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS
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NOVABA	7000	January 22	Feb. 23
SUNDA	8000	February 5	March 5
SARDIA	7000	February 19	March 19
SOMALI	7000	March 5	April 5
SAKUR	7000	March 19	April 19
WANKIN	7000	April 2	May 2
WYANZA	7000	April 16	May 16
NORE	7000	April 30	May 30
NILE	7000	May 14	June 14

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at
MARSEILLES, as noted.FARES TO LONDON
1st SALOON £35.10 SINGLE £52.10 RETURN.
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1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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